

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

FEBRUARY 21, 1893.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. TURPIE, from the Committee on Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany H. R. 2901.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 2901) granting a pension to Ida Cassell, have examined the same and report:

The House of Representatives having fully examined the evidence submitted in this case, and having reported favorably and passed that body, your committee therefore adopt said report, which is as follows:

The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 2901) granting a pension to Ida Cassell, submit the following report:

The claimant is the imbecile daughter of Appollas Cassell, who enlisted as a private in Company G, Eighteenth Regiment Indiana Volunteer Infantry, on the 16th day of August, 1861, and was honorably discharged for protracted illness and absence July 22, 1862, and died from the effects of disease contracted in the service, December 16, 1862. His claim for pension was filed by him prior to his death. The widow applied for and was granted a pension, and she and the soldier's children (one of whom was the claimant) were granted pensions until they arrived at the age of 16. The widow died May 7, 1885, and the claimant is now more than 16 years of age. She is entirely helpless, feeble of mind, and speechless since her birth, and is without any means of support.

Dr. W. L. Starr, in an affidavit filed with the Commissioner of Pensions, testifies as follows:

"I have been a regular practicing physician for ten years. I am acquainted with Ida Cassell. I saw her professionally on the 8th day of December, 1890. She is about 30 years of age, and has evidently been of unsound mind from birth. Her general health was fair; poorly developed physically, and mentally incapable of caring for herself. She requires the constant attention of some one to minister to her wants."

Your committee think that this applicant deserves to be treated as one always and ever to be an infant, and that the bill should be amended accordingly, so as to strike out the word "eighteen," in line 8, and inserting in lieu thereof the word "fourteen," so as to make the rate \$14 per month.

Your committee recommend that the bill do pass.